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SUBJECT: MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, MEXICO

1. DURING AMBASSADOR JOVA'S CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI THE LATTER BROUGHT IN AMBASSADOR MANUEL TELLO TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEXICO CITY MFM. AMBASSADOR TELLO, CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION AND A FRIEND OF AMBASSADOR JOVA'S SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN AGREED DURING SECRETARY RABASA'S RECENT CALL ON DR. KISSINGER THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE EXPERT-LEVEL PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE STARTING ON FEBRUARY 12, IT HAD ALSO BEEN AGREED THAT HE, TELLO, WOULD KEEP AMBASSADOR JOVA IN TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENTS EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY HIM. TELLO ADDED THAT THE DECISION MADE NOT TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES IN THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS WAS BASED ON THE DESIRE NOT TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE CONFERENCE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HE SAID THE MEETING OF THE EXPERTS WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO DO TWO THINGS: (A) TO DECIDE HOW THE VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS WOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND WHO WOULD ACT AS SPOKESMAN ON EACH ONE, AND (B) TO PREPARE A DRAFT RESOLUTION OR DECLARATION THAT THEY HOPED WOULD EMANATE FROM THE MFM. AMBASSADOR JOVA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE POSITION ON ITEM ONE, THAT IT WAS A LATIN AMERICAN MATTER, BUT OBSERVED THAT REGARDING ITEM TWO, ANY COMMUNIQUE OR DECLARATION WOULD BE A JOINT MATTER

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AND SUGGESTED THAT OUR EXPERTS MIGHT ALSO BE THINKING ABOUT

WORDING OF SUCH A POSSIBLE DECLARATION. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT U.S. IDEAS COULD BE FOLDED IN AT AN EARLY DATE BEFORE POSITIONS ON EITHER SIDE HARDENED. TELLO AGREED WITH THIS PROCEDURE AND SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. MIGHT PARTICIPATE AT LEAST INFORMALLY IN ANY WORKING GROUP FORMED TO DISCUSS DRAFT COMMUNIQUE OR DECLARATION. IT MIGHT BE A QUESTION, HE SAID, OF MARRYING TWO DRAFTS BUT THIS WAS BETTER THAN STARTING FROM SCRATCH AT END OF MEETING. WE POINTED OUT THAT MARRIAGES ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF COURTSHIP STARTS EARLY.

2. CONCERNING THE ORDER OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SPEECHES, TELLO SAID THAT THE PERUVIANS HAD URGED THAT LATIN AMERICAN SPOKESMEN BE DESIGNATED TO PRESENT LATIN VIEWS ON EIGHT POINTS PRIOR TO THE UNITED STATES PRESENTATION BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IDEA HAD BEEN OVERRIDDEN BY MEXICO AND OTHERS WHO FELT THAT THIS WOULD ENTAIL DUPLICATION AND THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE TO HEAR FIRST WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAD TO SAY ON THE EIGHT POINTS ON THE AGENDA BEFORE DEVELOPING THE LATIN AMERICAN POSITIONS FURTHER. LATIN SPOKESMEN MIGHT THEN BE DESIGNATED TO GIVE REJOINDERS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESENTATIONS.

3. REGARDING THE OVERALL MEETING, BOTH GALLASTEGUI AND TELLO SAID THAT GOM AND OTHER LATINS WERE DESIROUS OF SEEING EMERGE SOME DEFINITE ACTIONS OR AT LEAST POSITIVE STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE, RATHER THAN USUAL HIGH-FLOWN PHRASES OF PAST MEETINGS. CERTAINLY PANAMA COULD BE PRESENTED AS AN ACTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AT THE MEETING. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SOME OF OTHER POINTS HAD NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS, THEY HOPED THAT AT LEAST PRINCIPLES OR GROUND RULES ON THEM COULD BE DEVELOPED AT MFN.  
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